Please add the following claims:

33. The interface of claim 1, wherein the amount of time spent converting the serial data into parallel data for both the first and second data lengths is constant.

34. The interface of claim 16, wherein the amount of time spent converting the parallel data into serial data for both the first and second data lengths is constant.-A.

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested. Claims 1 - 34 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 1 and 16 have been amended and claims 33-34 have been added. Claims 1 and 16 are independent.

Amendments to claims 1 and 16 have been made merely to address a minor informality. These claims have _not_ been amended to overcome or otherwise address issues raised by the applied art.

Drawings

Fig. 4 has been modified and a Drawing Change Authorization Request has been filed concurrently herewith. More specifically, Fig. 4 has been